

**FOURTH UNECE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION MEETING ON  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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**Agenda item 7. Waste**

Intervention by the Friends of the Earth Ukraine<sup>1</sup>

Comments to the background document *Transport, mining, chemicals and waste management, and sustainable consumption and production patterns: achievements, trends and challenges* (ECE/AC.25/2009/3, paragraphs 56 and 57) concerning environmental problems arising from the long-term storage of waste generated during the Soviet time, as well as answer to the question A.<sup>2</sup>:

I would like to draw your attention on the toxic waste from the utilization of strategic nuclear arms, including intercontinental ballistic missiles and their components. This is the crucial issue for the countries which deals with disarmament.

For example more than 6000 tons of toxic rocket fuel from the loaded motor cases (LMC) from ballistic missiles SŠ24 stored in Ukraine in the city of Pavlograd.

I want to stress on necessity of including such specific waste related to different international agreements, conventions and protocols, but also needed regulation according to sustainable management of waste. I would like to underline of necessity of using of green technologies for utilization as much as possible, for example hydro wash processing instead of burning processing for rocket fuel.

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<sup>1</sup> The text is presented as received from the author.

<sup>2</sup> What strategies could countries apply to address problems related to growing volume of waste such as e-waste, energy and material efficiency problems and related pollution?